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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
The Portals  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., Room TW-A325  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: **EX PARTE**  
IB Docket No. 01-185; ET Docket No. 00-258

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 25, 2002, representatives of ICO Global Communications (Holdings) Ltd. ("ICO"), Gerry Salemme, Suzanne Hutchings and the undersigned, met with Paul Margie, legal advisor to Commissioner Michael Copps.

We reviewed the status of the ancillary terrestrial component ("ATC") proceeding and focused on gating factors that could be implemented to ensure that mobile satellite providers' use of terrestrial service remains ancillary to their satellite operations. We noted that the gating factors proposed in the ATC notice of proposed rulemaking were fully adequate to ensure ancillary use of terrestrial operations but noted that additional geographic, operational or financial gating factors that provide positive incentives to MSS operators also could be considered. We also discussed MSS providers' spectrum requirements.

We stressed that an expeditious decision in this matter is critical if ICO is to have an opportunity to finance its satellite system in this economic climate.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, this letter is being filed electronically using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Cheryl A. Tritt  
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cc: Paul Margie